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SUMMARY

Attached received from Legat, Buenos Aires advises as follows:

Jorge Antonio, a former official in the Argentine Government of Juan Peron, reportedly has frequent contact with members of the Argentine army regarding ouster of incumbent President Estela Peron. Antonio claims to have an agreement with Argentine army leaders to refinance Argentinia's foreign debt in exchange for documentary evidence showing corruption on the part of President Estela Peron. Antonio is an international financier who has been living abroad since the military coup which overthrew Juan Peron in 1955. (S)

Antonio arranged a meeting of Legat source with the Secretary General of the Argentine Army High Command in Buenos Aires on March 14, 1976. The Secretary General stated that the Argentine army would oust President Estela Peron during March 17-18, 1976. Following this ouster the Argentine military desires close cooperation with the United States, would install civilians into government posts, and would establish a contact with International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation to take over the telephone company which is in a disastrous state. (S)

Jorge Antonio intends to return to Argentina from abroad on March 20, 1976. (S)

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in anticipation of a position in the government and freely admits he hopes to be elected president in a civilian government.

Legat coordinated the foregoing with offices of the U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Pertinent data in the attached has been disseminated by teletype to State Department, CIA, DIA, and Deputy Attorney General, Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit.

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ON MARCH 15, 1976, RAYMOND MOLINA, A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, WHO TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA: (S)

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE WAS PLACED IN CONTACT WITH JORGE ANTONIO, A FORMER OFFICIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT OF JUAN DOMINGO PERON, WHICH WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1955 BY A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. ANTONIO HAS BEEN RESIDING ABROAD EVER SINCE THE 1955 COUP AND IS AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIER. ANTONIO, WHO IS ORIGINALLY OF LEBANESE EXTRACTION, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN RECENT FREQUENT CONTACT WITH IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY REGARDING THEIR PLANS TO OUST INCUMBENT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON. ANTONIO CLAIMED THAT HE HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINE ARMY LEADERS TO ARRANGE TO REFINANCE ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN DEBT THROUGH ARAB SOURCES AVAILABLE TO ANTONIO. IN EXCHANGE ANTONIO WILL PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE SHOWING THE IMMORALITY AND CORRUPTION OF PRESIDENT (S)

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MARTINEZ DE PERON. ANTONIO ARRANGED A PERSONAL MEETING FOR THE SOURCE WITH GENERAL CWCLOS ALBERTO DALLA TEA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY ESTADO MAYOR (HIGH COMMAND) IN BUENOS AIRES ON MARCH 14, 1976, AT THE HOME OF JORGE ANTONIO'S SON. GENERAL DALLA TEA STATED THAT THE ~~ARRHNTINE~~ ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WOULD OUST PRESIDENT PERON BETWEEN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1976, AND THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1976, AND THAT THE MILITARY WOULD HOLD ABSOLUTE CONTROL FOR THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE COUP. AMONG THE MANY POINTS COVERED BY GENERAL DALLA TEA DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, MEETING WITH THE SOURCE, WERE THE FOLLOWING: (S) (U)

1. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY DESIRE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. (S) (U)

2. ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WILL BE THE ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE COUP. (S) (U)

3. AFTER THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE COUP, THE ARGENTINE MILITARY INTEND TO INCORPORATE CIVILIANS INTO THE GOVERNMENT FILLING THE POSTS OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND MINISTER OF FINANCE WITH CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY BELIEVES THAT THE INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER CONTROL OF TOO MANY PRIVATE INDUESTRIES AND REDUCED THE (S) (U)

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INCENTIVE FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ARGENTINA TO AN UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ARGENTINE MILITARY INTEND TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH (ITT) CORPORATION IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FOR ITT TO TAKE OVER THE ARGENTINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, WHICH IS IN A DISASTROUS STATE BOTH FINANCE- AND TECHNOLOGY-WISE. (S)

JORGE ANTONIO ADVISED THAT HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA ON MARCH 20, 1976, AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED OBTAINING A POSITION IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. JORGE ANTONIO FREELY ADMITS THAT HIS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IN RETURNING TO ARGENTINA IS TO EVENTUALLY BE ELECTED PRESIDENT IN A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. (S)

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MOLINA WAS CONTACTED BY THE LEGAL ATTACHE AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR HILL. MOLINA ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES MARCH 12, 1976, ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL GRAHAM, FORMER CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND SEVERAL OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM WASHINGTON CONNECTED WITH U. S. SENATORS JESSE HELMS AND STROM THURMOND. (S)

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